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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Bernice Marquez  
Bernice Marquez, Sec'y

Re: New U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Herbert Gust

COMPONENT COMPRISED OF AT LEAST ONE SUPPORT MEMBER AND AT LEAST ONE PART CONNECTED THERETO AS WELL AS METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A CONNECTION BETWEEN A SUPPORT MEMBER AND A PART OF SUCH A COMPONENT

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: the specification, claims and drawings in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of 8 August 1997, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 197 34 330.9. A certified copy of said German patent application will be filed at a later date.
3. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$\* to cover the official fees composed of:

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\* It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully,

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